

I am a female Vietnam veteran I have first hand knowledge concerning the actions of soldiers in Vietnam. During my tour of duty I talked and met many soldiers returning home from Vietnam for whatever reason; Mental breakdowns, hunger strikes, mortar attack fear and excessive murdering tactics.

While stationed at Fort Bragg, NC I met a guy who divulged to me that he had been chosen and appointed an expert sniper during the Vietnam war. His job was to sit in the trees and shoot youngsters. He told me he did this for 2 years and then one day after shooting a person and wounding him he climbed down from his tree and went over to the guy to finish the job. When he turned him over he discovered a scared helpless boy, a kid between 12 and 14 years old. This soldier walked away from killing that day, march back to the camp turned in his weapon and refused to kill. He was immediately ordered to get back out there and snipe but he refused so he was thrown in the stockade. The American soldier refused to eat going on a 52 day hunger strike until he was so close to death he was medivac'd back to the US and placed in the hospital. When I met him he could not stand up on his own.

While stationed in Ft. McClellan I dated a guy who was a Sgt. E-8 26 years old and he had volunteered to go to Vietnam three (3) times. I didn't have a clue about his murdering record, all I knew was other soldiers began asking me "what are you doing dating that murderer." During that period the guy and I had intimate talks and he disclosed to me how he was able to get rank by volunteering to go Vietnam. He told me it was dog-eat-dog over there and it was all about self survival. He told me one day he pulled his 9 mm out and would have shot his Captain over a can of beans, he said the Captain knew he would and so did he. He was a killing machine. He told me how they took Vietcong up in helicopter and began throwing them out one at a time getting them to tell where their arsenals were kept. I was appalled and astonished to say the least. He told me "after you throw two out you bet number three is going to tell."

This guy came home without any socialization back into civilization and immediately cold blooded shot a guy in a club that his wife had been cheating on him with while he was in Vietnam. I finally saw the light when another soldier told me, "I was there that night, yeah the guy pulled a knife on him but he took the knife away threw him down on the floor and shot (a civilian) in the head point blank. It was all in one motion, the guy never had a chance."

Lastly, I bunked with a female soldier that had been to Vietnam as a journalist and at least three times a week at approximately 2 am she would jump out of the bed begin clawing her way under the bunk screaming "IN COMING, IN COMING." This young lady was approximately 22 years old.

I'm saying all of this to say everyone and anyone that had the Vietnam experience knows first hand the atrocities that went forth, against US, against Vietnamese and everyone involved. I was stationed stateside and I was totally affected by my involvement in the war.

Therefore, based on the above reasons and the below please intercede with this complaint and stop a unlawful, illegal and immoral practice the Mr. Sinclair has engaged in. War is not amusing, pretty or glamorous and Bush needs to stop this personal war he and his cronies have waged in order to amass their oil. If he is so concerned about immoral treatment of people and peace why hasn't he addressed the genocide happening this very moment in the Sudan region. We know why because Haliburton oil line is not posied to run through there.

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